



Minutes of the

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION
September 17, 2012 Dumont Senior Citizens Center
37 Dumont Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628

Sunshine Law: The Dumont Shade Tree Commission has complied with the open public meeting act, having sent notice to The Record, Ridgewood News and filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Borough's Official Bulletin Board.

Meeting was called to order by President Ray Slaman at 7:39 p.m. Other commissioners present were Tom Fisichella, Ryan Metz, Larry Tobias, Abbie Slaman, Sally Tayeb and member at large Neeta Thomas. Absent: Rafael Riquelme.

Regular Business

- 1) Dumont Day — We received 12 Adopt-a-Tree requests, 6 tree complaints, good energy and enthusiasm and approx. \$50. in the stump.
- 2) Friends of the Shade Tree (Arboretum)
 - a) Ryan Metz —currently working on Action Plan; needs to complete Form 8821 (IRS) and will submit before the end of the week. Once the EIN is received a bank account will be opened.
 - b) Will need \$300 for filing fee.
 - c) It was REGULARLY MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to elect Neeta Thomas as bookkeeper for Friends of the Shade Tree, Inc.
 - d) Ordinance for walkway project has had the required readings and to be decided at Mayor and Council meeting tomorrow night (Sept. 18, 2012). Cost is \$157,000 (County granted \$65,000; balance to be matched by borough). DSTC acted as advisor on the development.
 - e) Dumont Chamber of Commerce Street Fair in October — we will participate and offer brick pamphlets for the Arboretum walkway project, as funding for FOST, Inc.
- 3) Tree Maintenance — Tom Fisichella
 - a) stump grinding complete for now (99% complete); DPW can borrow the grinder every 6-7 months. During period July-September there were 19 tree removals and 91 trims. The big oak tree on Medford had to be taken down because of sewer collapse. Repairs could not be made without compromising the tree.
 - b) The dawn redwood tree on Holt Street was vandalized on September 8, 2012. Police report was filed. Sally offered to contact the advisor for the Ecology Club.
 - c) Larry would like to learn the process and assist Tom.
- 4) I-Tree — Larry Tobias
 - a) Software upgrade anticipated in the next few months (to 5.0).
 - b) Larry is adding the data for six sessions of Adopt-a-tree plantings.

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- 5) Adopt-A-Tree — Ray Slaman
Anticipates 25 trees to be planted this fall, probably in October.
- 6) Community outreach and communication
 - a) Ryan will help design a pamphlet for distribution through local realtors, educating on the value of trees and “Caring for Your Trees.” Ray to provide input, Tom will enlist the Boy Scouts in folding and stapling. Neeta is our local realtor connection.
 - b) NJTF Conference in Cherry Hill, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27.
 - i) Ryan will attend both days.
 - ii) Tom and Larry will attend, probably on Friday
 - iii) Ray and Abbie will attend one day
 - iv) Bill Brophy and DPW will be contacted.
- 7) New Business: Larry has learned of a company in Newark called “City Log” that recycles wood from tree take-downs; there is no disposal fee, but wood needs to be brought to Newark. Will bring to DPW’s attention; our wood and branches currently offered to the public who burn in fireplaces and smaller pieces are mulched, also for public use.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abbie Slaman
Secretary *pro tempore*